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Eavesdropping On Dissenters By NSA Cited

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The National Security Agency intercepted more than 1,000 telephone and telegraph communications involving anti-war activists and other dissidents and reported on them to the CIA and the FBI, according to informed sources.

The NSA intercepts began in 1969 and continued for "a two- or three-year period," detailing the foreign travels and organizing efforts of various American radicals whose names had been provided to NSA by CIA, the sources said.

Summaries of the intercepted communications were transmitted via courier from NSA headquarters at Ft. Meade to CIA offices in Langley, where they became part of the files of Operation CHAOS, the government program to monitor the activities of domestic dissidents, sources said.

SIMILAR SUMMARIES went to other government agencies, including the FBI and the Defense Intelligence Agency, a separate source said.

The same source confirmed that Dr. Benjamin Spock, actress Jane Fonda, Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver and Chicago Seven defendants Abbie Hoffman and David Dellinger were targets of NSA intercepts. However, the source would not say whether those names had been supplied to the NSA by the CIA or some other agency.

A source who had seen the NSA summaries provided to the CIA said they were derived from intercepts of cable and telephone traffic between the U.S. and foreign countries or between two points overseas.

NONE OF THE sources could give a reliable estimate of the number of persons whose communications were intercepted. However, comments of several sources indicated the CIA gave at least 40 names to the NSA.

The Rockefeller commission's report on the CIA stated that "an international communications activity of another agency of the government" provided operation CHAOS with "a total of approximately 1,100 pages of materials overall."

Several sources identified that other agency as the NSA and another source who had seen those 1,100 pages said that each page contained at least one and in some cases two or three summaries of intercepted communications.

IN ANOTHER development, a former Pentagon investigator said yesterday he was told by the White House to develop evidence that syndicated columnist Jack Anderson had a homosexual relationship with a suspected news source.

W. Donald Stewart, who was in charge of the investigation into news leaks, said the demand was made on Dec. 23, 1971, by David Young, then the Nixon administration official in charge of the White House "plumbers" unit.

Stewart stressed that Young did not suggest to him that he fabricate a homosexual relationship between Anderson and Radford. "They didn't want me to go tramp up anything," Stewart said. "They wanted me to go interview (Radford) and ask him, 'Do you have any homosexual relationship with Jack Anderson?'"